

## Diana “DeDe” Brown

### Patrol Officer Since 1996



*DeDe grew up in the small town of Poteet just south of San Antonio, but that didn't keep her from dreaming big!*

*When DeDe made the decision to move to the big city to become a San Antonio Police Officer, she knew that traditional upbringing and cultural influences were sure to become an obstacle. However by the time she made the announcement to her family, DeDe was prepared. Her first challenge was to convince her parents, Roy and Nina, that her choice to become a police officer was a suitable one. Although DeDe had already worked in non-traditional occupations, first as a corrections officer then as a detention guard, she knew her family would have trouble accepting the idea of her becoming a patrol officer for such a large municipality. Once her parents realized how serious and determined DeDe was about becoming a San Antonio Police Officer, they changed their outlook completely and supported her decision 100%. Soon after, DeDe's brother Danny, sisters Delia and Lisa joined in by providing all the support and encouragement she needed in order to succeed in the academy.*

*DeDe realized her dream when she graduated from the San Antonio Police Training in April of 1996. While it was “tough” getting through the training, DeDe and her family know that nothing else could have prepared her for new career. DeDe enjoys working on patrol even after seven and a half years!*